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For: COMMUNICATION ASSISTING APPARATUS FOR MEDIATING DATA TRANSFER  
AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM EMPLOYING THE COMMUNICATION  
ASSISTING APPARATUS

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